

rator, a seminary mate of Mr. Murphy.

Sermons: The Presbyterian sermon on "Family Religion" was preached by Rev. T. S. Clyce, D. D., his text being Proverbs 12:7: "The wicked are overthrown; but the house of the righteous shall stand." Special sermons, at the request of the church which was the Presbytery's host, were delivered by Rev. Dr. H. W. Burwell from John 3:16, and by Rev. William Fred Galbraith from 1 Peter 2:7.

Rev. W. M. Walsh was appointed by the Presbytery to preach the Presbyterian sermon on "The Sabbath" at the next regular meeting.

Communion: This service was conducted by Rev. W. F. Galbraith and Rev. W. M. Walsh at 11 o'clock Wednesday, assisted by the following Ruling Elders: W. J. Rochelle, R. A. Jefferson, Arthur Moseley and S. T. Hammond.

Commissioners: The following Commissioners were elected to the General Assembly, Orlando, May 18: Ministers—Rev. J. N. McFarlane, D. D., and Rev. W. C. Hagan, as principals; Rev. H. S. Springell and Rev. T. C. Vinson, as alternates. Elders—W. R. Lancaster (Ennis) and N. L. Lowrance (Iowa Park), principals; Thos. Shields (Dallas) and Arthur Moseley (Quanah), alternates.

Home Mission: The Home Mission interests of the Presbytery received greater consideration at this meeting than for many past meetings. The committee's report carries with it many important recommendations that will be of immense help in this work.

Minutes: The minutes of the Presbyterian were ordered printed, together with the minutes of the Presbytery.

Clerks: Rev. William Fred Galbraith was re-elected stated clerk and treasurer and Rev. G. L. Smith was elected permanent clerk.

Next Meeting: Quanah was selected as the next place of meeting, and the time Tuesday, September 12th. The Presbytery had an invitation from Luebo, Africa, but it was decided to stay in Texas.

Tent: The Presbytery is providing a large tent to be placed at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, which will be of great help in holding meetings during the summer. The tent will cost about \$700, including equipment. Presbytery heartily endorsed this forward step of the women in this matter. This matter was considered and all plans made and the money practically raised within two weeks after their meeting in the Oak Cliff church, April 3-5.

Mr. E. C. Scott, 2513 Thomas avenue, Dallas, Texas, is treasurer of the Home Mission Committee.

TYGART'S VALLEY.

The Presbytery of Tygart's Valley met in the Hendricks Church on Tuesday, April 18, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. W. Rowe, by request, preached the opening sermon. Rev. W. T. Mann, of Parsons, was elected Moderator and Elder C. A. Wade and Rev. H. J. Allsup Temporary Clerks. The largest enrollment in the history of the Presbytery was noted, 18 Elders and 9 ministers being present.

Rev. D. M. Stockard, of Montgomery Presbytery, Rev. W. W. McMorries, of Atlanta Presbytery, and Rev. F. W. Gray of Greenbrier, were introduced and asked to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. D. M. Stockard was received into this Presbytery, and a commission appointed to install him at Beverly, Valley Bend and Midland Churches. A call for the services of Rev. W. T. Mann from the newly organized Holly Meadows Church was accepted by him, and a commission appointed to install him. Mr. Roy Shrou, of Parsons, was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The report of Committee on the Manual required more time than any other item of business. A partial report was adopted, the remainder to be acted on at an adjourned meeting.

The reports of other committees showed good progress in the work of the Presbytery. The Home Mission Committee's report as is always the case, was of particular interest. The new Superintendent of Home Missions made statements as to work done by him in the past three and a half months. He had travelled over 1800 miles, delivered 52 sermons and addresses, visited 195 homes. A number of conversions were

reported, and four financial canvasses conducted for various purposes. The Committee made several recommendations as to the re-grouping of churches, and at its suggestion a commission was appointed to care for the interests of the Clarksburg Central church, which lost its only elder in the death of Hon. J. J. Davis. 323 professions of faith were reported in Home Mission Churches in meetings held under the auspices of the churches.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was supplemented by a report and address by Prof. J. E. Allen, of Davis Elkins College. His address emphasized the need of Presbyterian support for the Presbyterian institution; and asked for an increased patronage and financial aid. The late Sen. Davis had bequeathed to the college \$100,000 at his death, to probably \$110,000 given during the past 12 years.

Rev. F. W. Gray, Chairman of the Synod's Committee to Gather Facts and Figures on Home Mission Work in West Virginia, presented some startling facts, illustrated by charts based on U. S. Census figures and the reports of reliable investigators, as well as the church reports. His address was a stirring one. The figures show that the Synod of West Virginia is not only the most needy one in the Southern Church in spiritual matters, but also the most fruitful in proportion to membership and number of ministers. Especially remarkable is the growth in Sabbath-schools. The membership, in the period 1913-1915 (2 years) increased 38 per cent. In this connection, Tygart's Valley Presbytery's S. S. enrollment increased in the same period 165 per cent.

The report of the S. S. Committee showed a great deal accomplished and an increase of nearly 500 in enrollment in Sabbath-schools for the year. The good work of the Missionary, Miss Mary Wier Jones, was noted and the committee reported an excellent Conference held at Belington on March 30-31.

Rev. W. P. Gibbs, of Mingo, preached the Presbyterian Sermon on Sabbath Observance, and Rev. D. M. Stockard the communion sermon. The Subject of the Presbyterian Sermon at the Fall meeting to be "Eternal Life." Rev. W. A. Reveley to preach it, Rev. T. P. Allen, alternate.

A petition, signed by over 70 members of the Tygart's valley Church, asking for a separate organization at Mill Creek was granted, and a Commission appointed to organize the Church. In honor of "the baby" Presbytery is to meet there in the fall.

Rev. W. M. Flint and Elder S. H. Wood were chosen as principles to the Assembly, and Rev. T. P. Allen and Elder T. B. Woodford alternates.

The Lewisburg Bible Conference was brought to the attention of presbytery in a report, and churches are urged to send delegates to it.

Adjournment was taken (1) subject to call of the Moderator; (2) to meet in Stated Session at Mill Creek, W. Va. September 19.

T. P. Allen, Stated Clerk.

PALMYRA.

Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Monroe City, Mo. Tuesday April 11th at 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. R. Finley preached the opening sermon. Text Genesis 2:7. J. S. Drake M. D. was the retiring moderator. Nine ministers and eight elders were present during the session.

Rev. Jas. F. Forsyth was dismissed to the Presbytery of Potosi and Rev. Murdoch L. Murphy was received from the Presbytery of St. Louis.

Rev. J. R. Finley was chosen moderator and Dr. C. F. Richmond, clerk.

The reports showed a much larger number of accessions than usual and the totals for benevolences were greater than we have known. Our churches are now well supplied with ministers. It was the opinion of Presbytery that Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas should be kept in the field for Synodical College until the fall meeting of Synod and try to secure \$100,000 for this School. The next stated meeting is to be at Florida, Mo., September 5th.

T. M. Barbee S. C.

CHARLESTON.

The Charleston Presbytery met at Edisto Island, S. C. April 11th, and was opened with a sermon by the moderator, Rev. J. E. Coker, on 1 John 2:1, 2, 3.

Rev. J. L. McLees was made Moderator, and Rev. J. E. Coker was elected clerk.

Presbytery had the rare experience of

receiving four members and has the prospect at an adjourned meeting on May 16th of receiving another. These brethren were welcomed with marked cordiality, for they are greatly needed amongst us, and we are hoping for great things for the Church, from their ministry. The four received were Rev. Jonas Barclay of Atlanta Presbytery, Rev. S. C. Byrd, D. D. of Bethel Presbytery, Rev. S. R. Hope of Pee Dee Presbytery, and Rev. Donald McQueen of Nashville Presbytery. We hope soon to receive Rev. Melton Clark, D. D., of Orange Presbytery.

Rev. Jonas Barclay goes to the Blackville-Barnwell-Denmark-Bamberg group of churches under the Home Missions Committee.

Rev. S. R. Hope is at Walterboro; and Rev. Donald McQueen at Westminster, Charleston while Dr. Byrd is President of Chicago College for Women at Columbia.

Mr. McQueen is to be installed at Westminster on the third Sunday in April, Mr. Hope on the 2nd Sunday in May and Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick who accepts a call to Mt. Pleasant with his present field, is to be installed the 3rd Sunday in May. Dr. Clark comes to the 2nd Church Charleston.

The Presbytery was quite enthusiastic over the delightful hospitality of the Edisto Island, and the number of new ministers coming to them, and the prospect of having every church supplied with the stated ministry.

Rev. J. L. McLees and Mr. B. H. Owen were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly, with Rev. J. E. Coker and Mr. Wm. Murray as alternatives.

An Adjourned meeting is to be held in the 2nd Church Charleston, May 1th.

The next meeting will be held October 3rd with the John's Island and Wadmalaw church.

Stated Clerk.

CENTRAL ALABAMA.

Met in Sylvan Street church, Selma, Ala., April 13, 1916.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Wm. Lee.

Present, seven ministers and seven elders.

Officers: Rev. L. M. Flournoy was chosen Moderator and Elder R. T. Keer, Temporary Clerk.

Dismissed: Rev. A. D. Wilkinson to New Orleans Presbytery.

Rev. J. H. M. Boyce to the Macon Presbytery.

Home Missions: Rev. W. A. Young addressed Presbytery on Home Missions.

Foreign Missions: Rev. L. A. Deyunport made an address on the work in Africa.

Sunday Schools and Societies: I. C. H. Champney made an address in the interest of these causes.

Christian education along with other causes of the Church received due consideration. Elder R. T. Keer addressed Presbytery on the brotherhood. They have a live and active brotherhood in Mobile.

Presbyterial Sermon: Rev. L. M. Flournoy preached the Presbyterial sermon on the subject, The Holy Spirit. Rev. D. G. Garland was chosen to preach the Presbyterial sermon on the subject of Saving Faith next fall. Alternate Rev. L. A. Deyunport.

Commissioners to the Assembly: Principal, Rev. Wm. Lee, Bessimar, Ala.; Elder A. Stokes, Bessimar, Ala.; Alternate Rev. L. A. Deyunport, Luebo, Africa; Elder John Ford, Selma, Ala.

Next Stated Meeting: Wilson Memorial was chosen as the place for the fall meeting.

The devotional side of the meeting was good. We had preaching twice each day and on Sunday three sermons.

Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Tuscaloosa during the Bible Conference.

Most all of the churches have held revival meetings during the year just closed. These meetings have proved a great blessing to the churches. We hope to do more along this line during this year.

I. C. H. Champney, S. C.

EAST MISSISSIPPI.

The Presbytery of East Mississippi met in Saltville, April 11th, according to adjournment. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Jones, D. D., on Presbyterianism a Bible Doctrine.

There were present eleven ministers and twenty-one elders. Rev. R. C. Wilson was chosen Moderator and Elders R. R. Hill and A. T. Dent, clerks.

Rev. J. F. Eddins was dismissed to the Presbytery of Central Texas.

Rev. M. E. Melvin, D. D., addressed the Presbytery on Synod's schools; and Rev. R. B. Eggleston, D. D., Rev. J. E. Jones, D. D., Rev. Geo. P. Scott and Elder W. B. Wilson, were appointed as a special committee Synods Education work.

Rev. John Goff, Rev. W. V. Frierson and Elder L. T. Carlisle were appointed to arrange a program for the celebration of the centennial of Presbyterianism in East Mississippi Presbytery in 1917.

Rev. L. H. McInnis and Elder Brooks McGowan were elected as Commissioners to the General Assembly, and Rev. G. P. Scott and Elder C. H. Elliott, alternates.

Mr. M. O. Cockerham of the Columbus church was received under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Report on Local Home Missions showed that the work of the Presbytery was moving along that line fairly well, and there was a good prospect of having most of the vacant churches supplied with preaching soon.

Presbytery Overtured the General Assembly to request Committee on Sabbath Schools to insert one or more lessons each year on Sabbath Observance.

The Report on Palmer Orphanage showed this institution to be moving on nicely under the splendid management of the superintendent, Rev. W. V. Frierson.

Hamilton church was chosen as the next place of meeting.

J. J. McInnis, Stated Clerk.

ROANOKE.

Roanoke Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian church, Danville, Va., April 11, 1916, at 8 o'clock P. M. At the request of the retiring Moderator, Rev. R. M. Stimson, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. T. S. Wilson, D. D., from Acts 2.

Present: Seventeen ministers and thirty-seven ruling elders.

Organization: Rev. W. C. Young, Moderator; and Ruling Elders W. L. Ray and Lee W. Morton, temporary clerks.

Calls: Calls from Hat Creek and Diamond Hill churches for the pastoral services of Rev. Dr. John A. Scott were received and will be further considered at an adjourned meeting May 9, when it is hoped Dr. Scott will be present and be received into this Presbytery.

Dismissed: Candidate C. E. Clarke was dismissed to Fayetteville Presbytery.

Corresponding Members: Rev. Dr. J. E. Booker of Lexington Presbytery, and Rev. A. C. Bridgman of Harmony Presbytery.

Foreign Missions: The report on Foreign Missions showed a falling off in contributions to this great cause of 25 per cent. as compared with last year and nearly 16 per cent. as compared with the year before, and pastors and people were urged to keep this great work to the front.

Home Missions: Rev. Dr. J. E. Booker addressed Presbytery on the Synod's Home Mission Work, and the Presbytery's Home Mission report showed nearly all our Home Mission fields either supplied or about to be supplied with regular preaching.

Evangelism: A decidedly evangelistic spirit was manifested, and Rev. B. F. Bedinger was elected evangelist of the Presbytery and enters at once into active work in our bounds.

Systematic Benevolence: The sum of \$16,647 was contributed to all benevolent objects, and only thirteen of our fifty-five churches have fully adopted our Assembly's plan.

Candidates: Mr. W. H. Foard, a ruling elder in the Davis Memorial church, was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, making seven candidates now under our care.

Additions: During the year there have been nearly 350 additions to our churches on examination, more than double the number received last year. Over 200 of these additions came from the Sunday-school.

Sabbath-Schools: Forty-eight schools reported with a total enrollment of over 3,650, a few churches reporting a Sunday-school enrollment larger than the church membership.

Colored Evangelization: An excellent report was adopted recommending that each of our ministers present this cause to his people, seek opportunities to preach to the colored people, and look out for suitable men to recommend to Stillman Institute as prospective ministers.

Church Societies: There are now seventy-two Ladies' and Young People's Societies in the Presbytery, most